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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS: JUNE 14 POLADS MEETING

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SUMMARY: AT JUNE 14 CSCE/CBMS DISCUSSIONS, POLADS:

(A) WELCOMED US STATEMENT THAT WE COULD SUPPORT IN  
PRINCIPLE A MOVEMENTS INITIATIVE;

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(B) HELD PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF ISD/149;

(C) RECEIVED NORWEGIAN PAPER PROPOSING A POSSIBLE DRAFT TEXT  
FOR WESTERN CBMS INITIATIVE AT BELGRADE;

(D) WERE INFORMED BY US REP THAT WE PLAN TO INVITE OBSER-  
VERS FROM ALL CSCE COUNTRIES TO EXERCISE "CARBON EDGE".

END SUMMARY.

1. US STATEMENT THAT WE COULD SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE A MOVEMENTS INITIATIVE. WE DREW FULLY ON PARA 2 OF REF A IN INFORMING ALLIES THAT US HAS CONCLUDED THAT WE COULD SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE AN INITIATIVE BY THE NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES (NNAS) TO STRENGTHEN THE FINAL ACT PROVISION FOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MOVEMENTS. SEVERAL ALLIES WELCOMED THE US ANNOUNCEMENT, TERMING IT A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ASSIST ALLIED CBMS PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE. ALLIES ALSO LOOKED FORWARD TO LEARNING US VIEWS ON ACCEPTABLE PARAMETERS FOR A MOVEMENTS CBM. THERE WAS BRIEF DISCUSSION REGARDING US VIEW OF TACTICAL ADVISABILITY OF LETTING THE NNAS TAKE THE INITIATIVE ON MOVEMENTS, WITH NORWEGIAN, DUTCH AND CANADIAN REPS COMMENTING THAT ALLIES SHOULD NOT TAKE TOO RIGID A POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF SPONSORSHIP FOR A CBMS INITIATIVE.

2. PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF ISD/149. IN INITIAL READING OF ISD/149, WHICH WILL HENCEFORTH SERVE AS BASIC DRAFT PAPER ON CBMS PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE (SEE REF C) FRENCH REP MADE A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS FOR TEXTUAL CHANGES, THE THRUST OF WHICH WAS TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT ALLIES AS A GROUP SUPPORT CERTAIN CBMS IDEAS. FRENCH REP REITERATED THAT, IN THE VIEWS OF HER AUTHORITIES, THE PRESENT CBMS PROVISIONS IN THE FINAL ACT WERE ADEQUATE AND ALLIED EFFORTS SHOULD AIM AT SECURING OR ENCOURAGING BETTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PROVISIONS RATHER THAN SEEKING TO PUT FORWARD NEW INITIATIVES.

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3. SEVERAL REPS NOTED THAT, WHILE CERTAIN CBM THEMES WERE WOVEN INTO THE NARRATIVE OF THE PAPER, THERE WAS NO EXPLICIT LISTING OF THEMES AND INTERNATIONAL STAFF WAS REQUESTED TO PREPARE SUCH A LISTING, WHICH MIGHT APPEAR AS AN ANNEX TO THE PAPER.

4. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF PARAGRAPH 41 OF THE PAPER, DURING WHICH SEVERAL REPS ARGUED AGAINST DEBATING WITH THE EAST REGARDING THE NUMBER OF MANEUVERS HELD. WE DREW ON PARA 4 OF REF A TO ARGUE IN FAVOR OF COMPILING DATA WHICH MIGHT BE USED DISCREETLY BY THE ALLIES TO REFUTE SOVIET PROPAGANDA ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF MANEUVERS HELD BY THE ALLIES. UK AND TURKISH REPS COMMENTED THAT EVEN A LIMITED APPROACH OF THIS SORT, AS SUGGESTED BY THE US, COULD NEVERTHELESS GET THE ALLIES INVOLVED IN A DEBATE ON NUMBERS WHICH WOULD, BY IMPLICATION, ACCEPT THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA CLAIM THAT SOMEHOW ALLIED MANEUVERS ARE NOT LEGITIMATE. NO ALLIES, HOWEVER, OBJECTED TO

COMPILATION OF STATISTICS REGARDING MANEUVERS FOR  
REFERENCE PURPOSES, AND CANADIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT SUCH  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION COULD BE USEFUL TO ALLIES AS THEY  
EXAMINE IMPLICATIONS OF POSSIBLE NEW CBM PROPOSALS.

5. AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSION, IS WILL PREPARE A COR-  
RIGENDUM TO ISD/149, WHICH WE WILL REPORT BY SEPTTEL WHEN  
RECEIVED.

6. NORWEGIAN PAPER PROPOSING A POSSIBLE DRAFT TEXT FOR  
WESTERN CBMS INITIATIVE AT BELGRADE. NORWEGIAN REP CIRCULA-

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TED A DRAFT TEXT FOR A POSSIBLE WESTERN INITIATIVE ON CBMS  
AT BELGRADE, WHICH WE ARE ALSO REPORTING BY SEPTTEL.

7. INVITATION OF OBSERVERS TO EXERCISE "CARBON EDGE".  
DRAWING ON REF B, US REP INFORMED ALLIES THAT WE PLAN TO  
INVITE OBSERVERS FROM ALL CSCE COUNTRIES TO MANEUVER  
"CARBON EDGE". STREATOR

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